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## PONTON SELLS HOSPITAL INTEREST

HIS INTEREST TAKEN OVER BY FORMER ASSOCIATES AND WILL BE OPERATED UNDER SAME MANAGEMENT

## DR. J. T. KRUERGER WILL HAVE CHARGE OF SURGERY

He Has Been With This Institution for More Than a Year and is Recognized as a Surgeon of Extraordinary Ability. Drs. Overton, Hutchinson and Peebler Remain Here

A deal of more than usual interest was manifested last Saturday afternoon when Dr. A. R. Ponton sold his interest in the Lubbock Sanitarium to his former associates in the institution, Drs. J. T. Krueger, M. C. Overton, J. T. Hutchinson and O. F. Peebler. The deal was made by mutual consent, and everyone connected with the transaction in any way seems to be highly pleased with the outcome. Dr. Ponton will leave about the first of May for Dallas, where he will probably locate, and engage in his chosen profession, and Dr. Krueger, who has been actively associated with the Lubbock Sanitarium for the past year, will take charge of the surgical work of the institution. He is recognized as a capable man in his profession by the man whom he succeeds as is shown by the signed statement below, and has had much experience in modern surgery.

Under the management of the Lubbock Sanitarium, which in the future will be largely the same as heretofore, the institution has enjoyed a wonderful patronage, and its reputation as a splendid place for afflicted people to come and receive the very best of treatment has spread abroad, not only over West Texas and New Mexico, but has reached far into the interior of the State and it is one of the great institutions of Lubbock that the people are justly proud of. It is under the management of physicians who are too well known over the state to need further comment from us, than they are all men of established reputation

and deserving of success. The Lubbock Sanitarium is one of the best equipped institutions to be found, and the management has in view some extensive additions as has been set forth in previous issues of this paper, which will enable it to take care of its rapidly growing business, and afford their patients every accommodation that is accorded in the larger cities.

The Avalanche regrets to lose from our city Dr. Ponton and family, as they have proven a great benefit to our city professionally and socially, and we join their many friends in wishing for them the greatest success possible wherever they decide to make their future home.

To My Friends and the General Public

I have sold all my stock in the Lubbock Sanitarium Co. to my associates, Drs. Krueger, Overton, Hutchinson and Peebler.

Since I have been in Lubbock I have enjoyed a very large practice and I trust my patients and friends will continue to patronize the Lubbock Sanitarium. It is an institution second to none. I cheerfully recommend Dr. Krueger, who succeeds me in charge of the surgical work, as an able, conscientious surgeon. He has been connected with the institution for about a year.

I thank the people of the great Plains country for their patronage in the past.

Yours truly,  
A. R. PONTON.

## REGARDING THE RAISE OF TELEPHONE RATES

When asked regarding the increase in telephone rates in Lubbock Manager H. D. Phillips of the local exchange of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, said:

"We shall increase the telephone rates in Lubbock, May 1st. On and after that date the business rate will be increased from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per month, and the residence rate from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per month. This is made imperative because of the rising costs with which we have been constantly confronted for the past few years. This has made it necessary that we obtain additional revenue."

"Public utilities are the only class of industry in the United States today that have to sell their products, which in our case is service, at a price lower than other lines of business, proportionately, and this notwithstanding the fact that we are confronted with the unprecedented and extraordinary increases in the cost of materials and labor. These have been costing us from 40 to 200 per cent more and we have had to pay more for the money used in the extensions."

"These extensions, by the way, are not made out of our revenue. If we add poles or a switchboard, we get the money to pay for it in the form of new capital. We have to bid for that money and we are only able to get it in so far as we are able to show that the money already invested in our exchange is yielding a fair return. With the fixed rates, our revenue has remained stationary, while the expenses have been mounting higher and higher each month."

"However, there has been a nationwide recognition of the necessity of protecting the credit of the public utilities and throughout the United States local and state officials have recently granted relief to them in the form of increased rates. About 87 per cent of more than 500 requests for increases have been granted."

"Nothing like an adequate return can be expected in the new rates in Lubbock, because there will be further and permanent increases in the cost of furnishing service. The new rate will, however, lessen the burden and give us a better chance to continue to fulfill our obligations. We consider it to be our duty to furnish the best service to the greatest number at the lowest fair rate. But it is also our duty to fix the rate so as to pay adequate wages to our employees and earn a return on the investment sufficient to attract new money. The gravest danger to this community is that capital should lose confidence in our industry, making it impossible for us to obtain additional capital for extension to plant."

## LUBBOCK LADY RETURNS FROM PHILIPPINES

Mrs. M. Neal and children, who accompanied Mrs. Neal's brother, Capt. E. H. Inmon and wife to the Philippine Islands where the Captain is stationed, returned this week. Mrs. Neal is a daughter of J. T. Inmon of this city.

## PLANS FOR DODGE HOME NOW IN COURSE

We are reliably informed that the local agent for the Dodge car, W. W. Royalty, is contemplating the erection of a modern brick garage to be constructed directly back of the postoffice. If the present plans materialize, this will be one of the largest one-story buildings in the city.

## LONG STAPLE COTTON BRINGS 85c

A bale of Durango, long staple cotton, grown the past season on the State Experiment Farm was recently sold by Supt. Karper to a New Orleans firm for 85 cents per pound. This is the first sale of this class of cotton grown in Lubbock county or in this section of the State and brought the highest price ever received for cotton in this section, being about twice as much as a pound as ordinary cotton. The bale brought a total of \$450.00.

This cotton was produced on the station farm under irrigation conditions, however, half of the area was "irrigated up" before planting and received no irrigation after planting and yielded more per acre than the area irrigated twice after planting. There is an opportunity for farmers equipped to winter irrigate several acres and apply water during dry years in the growing season to make a good profit from growing this variety of long staple cotton which the station has found does well under certain conditions.

## THE HORRORS OF THE MISSISSIPPI STORM

The following is a letter received by Mr. T. P. Gibson, of this city, from his niece, which tells of some of the horrors of the storm that swept that section recently:

Osborn, Miss., Apr. 23, 1920.  
Mr. T. P. Gibson, Lubbock, Texas.  
My Dearest Uncle:

After so long will answer your letter and tell you of the very saddest of news. On the 20th there was a storm in Cedar Bluff, which killed Aunt Annie, Aunt Fannie Archer, and Uncle John. All three were found about 300 yards from the house very near each other. No one knows but just suppose they were all together in the house at the time of the storm. It made a clean sweep of everything on that hill. Killed their cow, calf, horse, pig, cat and all the chickens but 10 baby ones and 2 hens, one of those had her leg broken. I never saw such destruction in my life. The clothes were blown off all three of the bodies and all shoes, stockings were off except Aunt Annie's. Uncle John's head was blown away, only found one eye. There was nothing to see of him in the coffin but one hand. Every bone in Aunt Fannie was broken, face cut in several places. Aunt Annie was split open; some of her was gone. You could not tell one from the other except Aunt Annie was a little the largest. Poor old naps a little the left of his family. But God always does everything for the best, and we know not when our time may come. The main thing is to be prepared. Well, crops are badly behind. No corn planted, some cotton. Gardens are sorry, only a few seed planted. I have 20 little chicks and 8 hens setting. Well I feel so nervous and bad over our trouble. I will make my letter short, so write me real soon.

All join me in love to each of you.  
Love,  
Maggie Hattin.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT

The following is a record of the proceedings in the special session of Commissioners' Court held here this week:

Motion made and carried to allow the Red Cross to have the use of the small room in the County Treasurer's office of the Court House, as a temporary office.

## THOUSANDS OF CATTLE SHIPPED RECENTLY

Lubbock's thirteen cars of northern cattle from the States of Wyoming and Montana that were shipped out this week to their former pastures, was probably the smallest single shipment of these cattle to go out from the South Plains. It is conservatively estimated that between forty and fifty thousand head are now enroute from this country to the above named states. Seagraves is probably the largest shipping point for these cattle and is reported to have sent several train loads out during the past few days.

As is remembered, thousands of cattle were shipped here last year from the drought stricken portions of Wyoming and Montana for grazing purposes. Now since the winter months have passed and with the large snow falls this winter in that country, the ranges are reported in fine condition. Although shipment is heavy in these cattle now, there will be many hundreds of them that will remain in the South Plains country indefinitely.

## LUBBOCK DEFEATED BY C. C. WINS AT AMARILLO

The Lubbock High school baseball team played two unsuccessful games last Thursday and Friday afternoon with Clarendon College on the college grounds. Thursday's game was reported to have been errorless until the 8th inning. Lubbock had two scores at that time. The next inning was followed by several errors, resulting in the college team running in 4 scores.

Friday afternoon's game was lost from the very beginning. Bad infielding was the feature of the Lubbock team and the score was 2 to 10 in Clarendon's favor.

Saturday the Lubbock team went to Amarillo and played that afternoon against the Amarillo High school team. Our boys were all on their toes that afternoon and by playing skilled ball defeated the Amarillo team by a score of 9 to 3. In the seventh inning the game was called off account of the inclement weather.

## ODD FELLOWS HAVE SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY MEET

Approximately 200 out of town visitors were here Monday night to attend the celebration of the 101st Anniversary of the Odd Fellows Lodge. In all there were present Monday night at the meeting about 350 people.

Several talks on the fraternal order were made. The welcome address was made by Judge J. H. Moore and was highly appreciated by the members. A drill was carried out by the Rebekah lodge. Music, including solos, and instrumental were enjoyed by the hour, following which was spread a fine lunch. Initiation through the various degrees of this order were made Monday evening, affording a great pleasure to many. Probably one of the most striking incidents in the celebration of the lodges anniversary was the presence of the three Hopper children of this city, who were introduced by Rev. A. A. Collins. These children were left fatherless several months ago and have been under the protection of the members of the local lodge. In his talk Monday evening, Rev. Collins laid a one dollar piece on the table as a gift to the children and asked those who wished to contribute to do likewise which resulted in a presentation to these fatherless ones a gift of more than \$150. Several interesting talks were made by the visitors, especially those from Crosbyton. All reports from the meet indicate that it was one of the few great successful events in the history of the order on the South Plains.

## WEST TEXAS SANITARIUM OPENED LAST FRIDAY

E. L. Late of Sudan, who arrived here last Thursday a very sick man, was taken into the temporary home of the West Texas Sanitarium Friday morning, following the return of Dr. C. J. Wagner from a trip north. Mr. Late was the first patient to enter the new institution, which was hardly ready at the time he arrived, although everything is being put in readiness and are now in position to care for many patients. Dr. Wagner, widely known South Plains surgeon, who is making his permanent office in the West Texas Sanitarium, will be in charge of the surgical work of this institution, we are informed.

## MRS. J. W. BURTON DIED HERE RECENTLY

The widow of the late J. W. Burton of Crosbyton, died in a local sanitarium in this city on April 17th, following an illness lasting since her husband's death. Her constant refusal of nourishment in any form, together with the sorrow caused by the untimely death of her husband, is conceded to have been the cause of her death. Every attempt to encourage life for Mrs. Burton was frustrated by her refusal to accept the encouragement and request for death to come to her to ease the agony of mind was made frequently.

The body was shipped to Ottumwa, Iowa, the place of interment of Mrs. Burton's husband, where she also was laid to rest.

## IOWA MAN HOLDS DEMONSTRATIONS HERE

E. C. Bishop of Iowa, specialist in canning of products, was here this week and held a demonstration in the high school building Tuesday. Wednesday Mr. Bishop went to Clinton where he also had a canning demonstration in the school in that city.

Miss Halsey was in Clinton Wednesday for the purpose of attending the canning demonstrations.

## SPENDING \$5,000.00 ON STORAGE PLANT

The Lubbock Creamery has recently awarded a contract to a Mr. Cox of Plainview for the installation of an ice plant and storage room in the rear of this company's building on South Cedar street. Work is now in course. When finished the storage plant, which is of crushed cork, inlaid with asphalt, will hold about two cars of ice. The plant for the manufacture of ice will have a capacity of about 8 tons daily.

The management informs us that the plant will not operate for commercial purposes, but only for the needs of the company. The rooms for the storage of ice and ice cream will be equipped with ammonia pipes extending from the floor to the ceiling of the room. It is thought that with the use of these pipes, practically no loss of ice will be had. Cream set in the storage room will freeze in a course of a few minutes.

When completed, this plant will be one of the most modern creamery establishments in West Texas, with an investment amounting into the thousands of dollars.

## LUBBOCK NOW SUPPORTS FINEST AMBULANCE

The Rix Furniture and Undertaking Company of this city have recently received one of the finest of equipped ambulances in the State. The management tells us that it is their intention of giving the people the best of everything, believing that the people of Lubbock are appreciative and deserving.

This ambulance was made especially for Rix's. Last summer, J. A. Rix, manager of the local company, made a special trip to northern factories for the purpose of placing an order for an ambulance. It is of a special design of the Miller Company's make and is propelled by a large Continental engine. It is so arranged that seats can be easily set up and give comfortable seating for seven or eight people. There are various contrivances unusual in this big machine that are distinctive and shows the desire of the owners to offer the best to Lubbock.

## TERRY COUNTY JUDGE TO HAND IN RESIGNATION

T. J. Price, pioneer Terry county citizen and father of the present county judge of that county, W. W. Price, who was here Wednesday of this week, informs us that his son will hand in his resignation of that position in a very short time and enter the oil fields in Northwest Texas.

Mr. Price states that because of the low salary paid by that office and the fact that he is a farmer, he has decided to leave the oil fields in the reason his son has for resigning.

Mr. Price is now in the real estate business in Brownfield and has had exceptionally fine business during the past few months, he informs us. "I helped in the organization of the county," Mr. Price stated, "and am now trying to settle it up."

## SUCCESSFUL SALE MADE TUESDAY BY FARMER

M. P. Page, a farmer living near Idaho who came to this country about one year ago and purchased 160 acres for which he paid \$50 per acre, sold this farm recently for \$60 per acre and held a public sale of his stock, farm implements and household goods Tuesday. This sale is reported to have been attended by probably the largest crowd yet gathered for such an occasion. L. T. Martin, vice president of the Farmers National Bank of this city, attended the sale and acted as clerk. W. A. Nash of Plainview was auctioneer. The total amount resulting from the sale was \$2800.00.

Mr. Page is preparing to move to Canyon, Colorado, where he will make his home in the future. His farm which he sold at a profit of \$10 per acre, has since been sold for \$75 per acre.

## CLARENDON BASEBALL TEAM HERE MONDAY FOR GAMES

The Clarendon College base ball team, which defeated the Lubbock High School team in two successive games in their home town last week, will arrive here Monday morning and again meet our boys. The local fans believe that it was exceedingly good luck for the Clarendon team that they won out in the two games, and they believe they will defeat them on the local grounds. The High school team will play the college team on Monday afternoon and Tuesday afternoon the Elks Lodge team will meet the Collegians.

## LUBBOCK MAN RETURNS FROM PORT MARKET

"It is a big piece of foolishness to ship cotton to port markets," according to P. C. McCoy, a Lubbock county farmer who returned yesterday from a business visit to Houston. Mr. McCoy has heard frequently the past year of the profit to be gained in shipping to port points to sell cotton and decided to try it out as an experiment. He shipped about 30 bales to Houston several weeks ago and was unfortunate enough to be unable to find a sale for the staple. His trip recently to Houston was to investigate conditions first hand. While there, he says he could not find a buyer who would make an offer on his lot. Mr. McCoy says he was told that more than three hundred thousand bales were in storage in Houston and that no sales had been made of any of the cotton for several weeks. "For the average farmer, it is a big chance to take in order to save or receive a larger profit on the sale of their cotton," says Mr. McCoy, who now believes that the best way to market cotton for the farmers of Lubbock is found on the local markets.

## CONDITIONS ARE WORSE IN MEXICO

RAPID PROGRESS BEING MADE BY REBEL FORCES; REVOLT THREATENS JUAREZ AS SONORA TROOPS GAIN GROUND

## AMERICAN TROOPS PREPARE TO DEFEND EL PASO

Tampico Reported Surrounded. Some Important Points Have Been Taken and the Future Looks Bad For the Carranza Government as Rebels Get Closer to Mexico City

El Paso, April 28.—General Angel Flores, advised Governor Adolfo de la Huerta of Sonora that Tampico is being surrounded by forces of Gomez and Pelaez and Matamoros is in a precarious condition.

Juarez, April 28.—Troops at Salina Cruz commanded by General Alejo Gonzalez, have revolted and taken possession of the port one of the most important on the isthmus, according to a report received tonight.

El Paso, April 28.—Funds of the customs office in Juarez were brought to an El Paso bank late this afternoon.

Carranza officials in El Paso and Juarez tonight were prepared to move against a threatened attempt to swing the Juarez garrison into line with the Chihuahua revolution which was launched in the state capital yesterday.

Washington, April 28.—Mexican advances today received through the American and rebel channels, notes a rapid progress of the movement against the Carranza government, probably in the close vicinity of Mexico City itself.

Government officials here said they saw nothing in these rather scattering incidents immediate critical in the situation faced by federal authorities. The best available information indicate that the rival forces under arms were nearly equal in numbers. As indication of the character of the reported desertions of the federal ranks, federal officers

said the force was joined by the rebel standard in Morelos, making possible the occupation of Cuatla, was from the "Supremos Ponderes," the famous organization of picked troops used since the deposition of Diaz as a guard for the national capital.

They also viewed the break in the garrison in Chihuahua as reducing the menace to the revolutionary forces in Sonora from that source.

Until the rebels operating in almost every part of the country are co-ordinated, Mexico City is in no serious danger, military men here believe, except by coup d'etat, or from a raid that chance turned into a more important movement.

El Paso, April 28.—American troops in El Paso tonight were ordered to be prepared for action in the event a threatened uprising in Juarez endangered this city. Military police in the city have issued rifles and ammunition, and the city police have made arrangements to patrol a dead line in the lower part of the city beyond which civilians will not be permitted to go in the direction of the Rio Grande.

General Francisco Gonzalez, commander of the Juarez garrison when the city was attacked by Villa in 1919, and until recently provisional governor of Tamaulipas, arrived in El Paso this afternoon. He came with authority from Carranza to take charge of loyal troops in Juarez in event there is an uprising. Three hundred cavalrymen Ahumada garrison declared to be loyal forces, marched into Juarez late this afternoon after a forced hike from their post 80 miles south of the border.

## HOW AN AIRPLANE STAYS IN THE AIR

Few people know that about 66 per cent of the actual lifting force of the air is due to the suction on the upper surface of an airplane wing, while only 34 per cent is due to the pressure of the air on the under surface. It is also a significant fact that the amount of force required to move a small line through the air is as great as that required to move a stream line airplane strut several times its diameter.

The influence of the streamline was formerly not understood and seldom taken account of in the design of the struts, fuselage and landing gears of the airplanes. Scientific research and wind tunnel tests and the introduction of smoke through the wind tunnel have revealed the necessity of cutting down head resistance, thus decreasing what is known as drag on drift. The actual course of the air introduced into the wind tunnel and its consequent effect upon the wing can actually be seen by the eye through the introduction of smoke through the wind tunnel, and of course, accurate computations and decisions can be easily made in connection therewith. It indicated the necessity of changing the surface, the cross section of the wing panels, the section of the struts and other exposed surfaces to forms which would offer less resistance.

It is very easy to push a thing into the air but it is hard to get it out without creating a disturbance. If we take a broom handle, for instance, and sweep it through the air rapidly, we find if we could examine the air immediately following it that a vacuum is created just behind the stick itself, and thus causes an eddy directly behind it, creating a V shaped partial vacuum which decidedly increases the total power required to move the stick through the atmosphere. It was easily found by wind tunnel tests that by filling up this vacuum and changing slightly the entering surface, the stick could be passed through the air more easily and a considerably smaller amount of power would be required to move it. Any person can observe these facts on any airplane at practically any aviation field. Notice the shape of the fuselage and even landing gear, how they are streamlined. To cut down wind resistance on some of the types of plans being turned out by the manufacturers even the flying and landing wires are streamlined. Even such small details as these are taken into account which incidentally adds materially to the speed of the airplane.

## LUBBOCK MEN IN DALLAS FOR MASONIC DEGREES

Among the men who are in Dallas this week from Lubbock for the purpose of initiation into the Shrine and 32nd Degree of Masonry are: O. E. Radford, Sam T. Davis, S. H. Weaver, Fred C. Oliver and G. G. Johnson. They were also accompanied by Chris Harwell who will see the performance "well done." These men left last Saturday night and are expected to return the latter part of this week.

Miss Mittie Heisey reports that the district meeting of the Home Demonstration Agents held at Canyon was successful.

This life is full of trouble, but it comes mostly to those who hunt it.

## NEW HOPE NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

There will be preaching at New Hope next Sunday morning. Everybody is invited to come.

There was a large crowd at the New Hope Saturday night. The New Hope.

Mr. W. W. Nunley and daughter were shopping in Lubbock Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Bourland and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Bourland's sister, Mrs. Barber, and family.

Mrs. S. P. Eoff and daughter, were shopping in Lubbock Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nunley visited Mr. W. W. Nunley and family Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. Dryden visited in the Eoff home Monday morning. Mr. S. D. Pate were business visitor in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Nunley was in town Saturday.

Messrs. Ealy Eoff and Clarence Emms attended the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Cromer in the Slide community, Friday night.

Messrs. S. D. Stewart and Lynn Wylie were in town Tuesday.

Little Miss Stella Mae McDale, of the Canyon community is visiting in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Eoff.

Miss Blanche Emms spent Friday night in town and went with the senior class to Canyon for a picnic. She reports a splendid time.

Miss Vinetta Eoff was in town Tuesday morning.

Mrs. W. D. Dryden visited Mrs. Emms Tuesday morning.

Mr. Floyd Shipman was a pleasant caller at the Cowart home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. S. P. Eoff and daughter Miss Vinetta, visited Mrs. Moss and daughter, Miss Vada of Lubbock, Friday afternoon.

Mr. Emms and son, Clarence were in town Saturday afternoon.

Mr. S. P. Eoff and son Ealy, took a load of threshed grain to town Saturday morning.

Mr. T. J. Richardson was in town Saturday.

Mr. Clarence Emms visited Mr. Ealy Eoff Sunday morning.

Miss Dixie Cromer and brothers, Messrs. Lee and Leone, were callers at the Emms home Sunday evening.

Messrs. Calvin and Ealy Eoff were in town Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Verne Osborne was in town Tuesday morning.

Mr. Hugo Kinkler went to town Tuesday after a load of lumber.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dryden visited at the home of Mr. W. W. Nunley and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Eastland, Texas, are visiting their sisters, Messdames Bourland and Barber, and are also prospecting.

Mr. Ealy Eoff took dinner with Mr. Clarence Emms Saturday.

Miss Blanche Emms and brother, Clarence attended church at Lubbock Sunday night.

Mr. S. P. Eoff was a business visitor to Lubbock Monday.

Mrs. Kelley has been called to Indiana on account of the illness of her father.

Dr. I. E. Barr is in town today after having been out on several ranches west and north of town helping in vaccination of the cattle.

The wise man thinks before speaking, but the fool speaks without thinking.